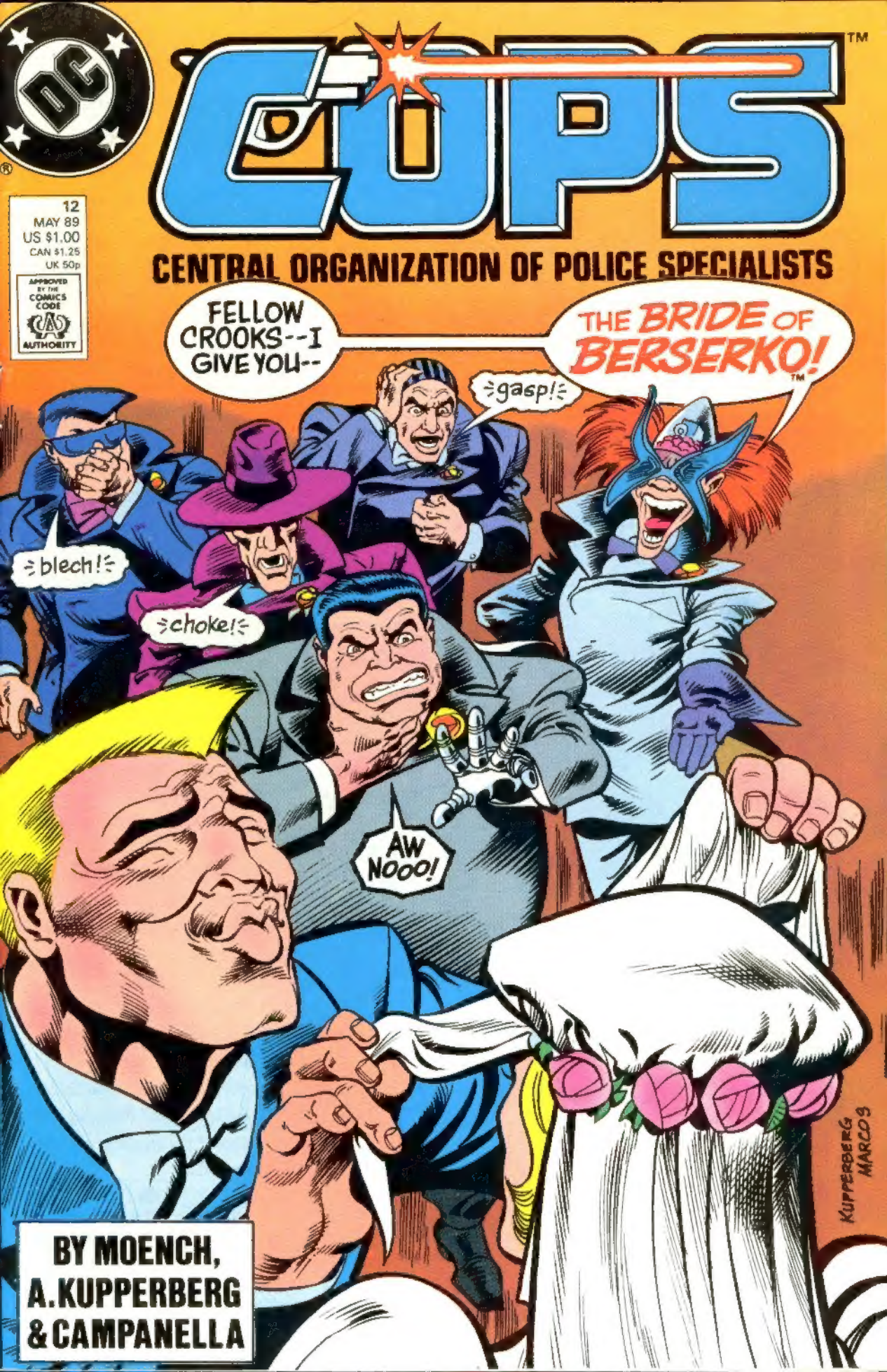
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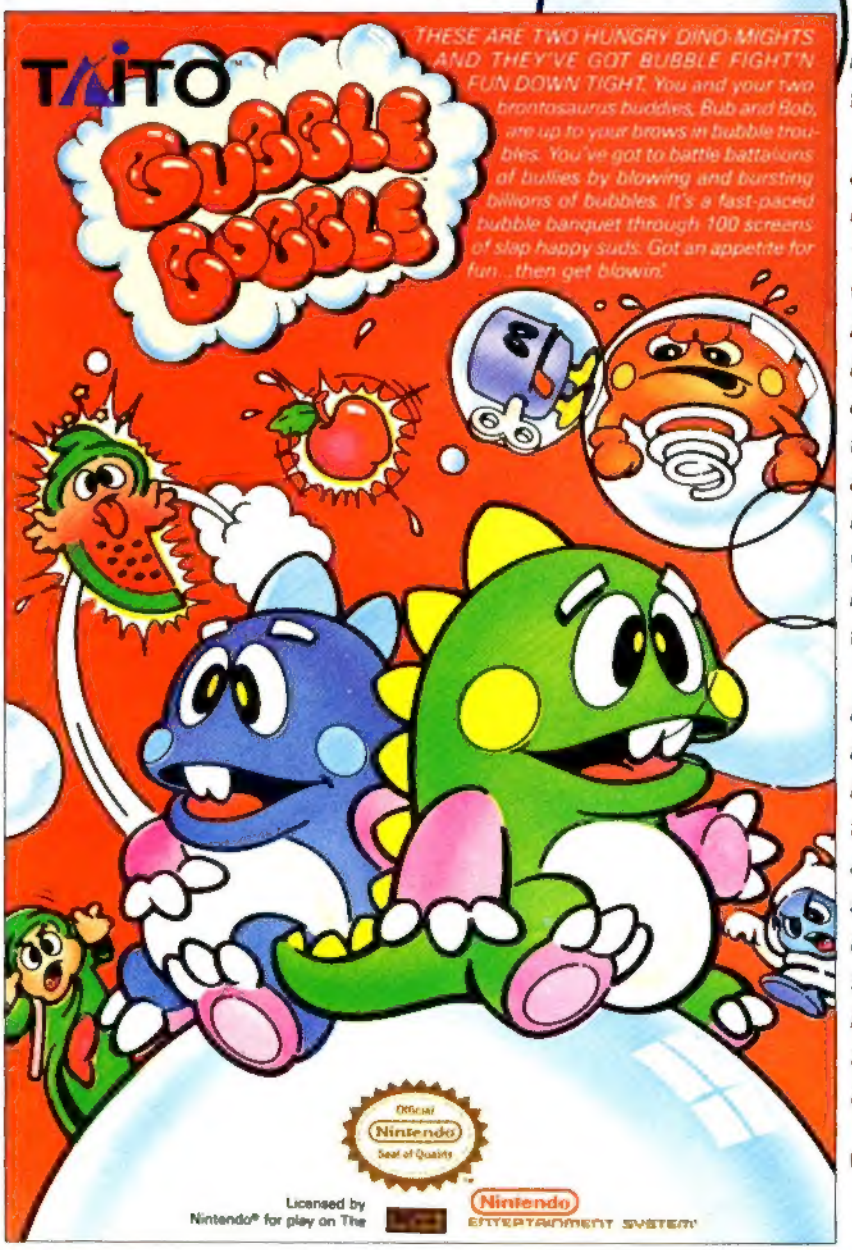
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IN THE MOOD FOR BEING ROMANTIC, YOU STU--
--PENDOUSLY CHUNKY THUGGIE-WUGS WHOM I COULD JUST SQUEEZE TO ITSY-BITSY MUSS-SIZE PIECES.
EEW, YUCK.
GEE... REALLY? DO YA THINK YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH, MS. DEMEANOR?
OH, BERSERKIE... EVERY TIME YOU'VE BROUGHT ME HERE TO THE GLOOM PALACE, I'VE REALLY WARMED UP TO YOU...
GOOD
AW, SHUCKS, MS. DEMEANOR, TWEREN'T NOTHIN'.
AAD
I-YO-YO, HENCH-MON, IT IS A WEIRD PLAN DE LADY-MON HAVE FOR DE BERSERKO-MON.
INDEED, MANN, IT IS, BUT LET US ASSUME FOR THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT THAT MS. DEMEANOR KNOWS PRECISELY WHAT SHE'S DOING.
OKAY, MON.
I EVEN WONDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU SAID "WOULD YOU MARRY ME?"
UNHHH.. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I SAID WOULD-YOU-MARRY-ME?
YES!
YES... WH-WHAT?
YES, I WILL MARRY YOU!
YOU... W-WILL?
YES!
UNHHH... DID I JUST... P-PROPOSE?
YES!
AN' YOU JUST SAID--
YES!!
GEE.
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THEN... DOES THIS MEAN MY BACHELOR DAYS ARE NUMBERED?
YES, YES, YES-- A THOUSAND TIMES YES!
AND SINCE MY LUCKY NUMBER IS SEVEN-- WE'LL GET HITCHED ONE WEEK FROM TODAY!
WAOWWWW!!
BAAD IS GOOD
KEESH KRASH PEESH
TONIGHT, HERE IN THIS VERY GLOOM PALACE, YOU HAVE MADE ME THE HAPPIEST GOON UNDER THE SMOG-HAZED STARS, MS. DEMEANOR! LET US NOW SEAL THIS HAPPINESS WITH A KI--
UH UH UH, BERSERKIE-BABE...
BAAD IS GOOD
IT'S BAD LUCK TO KISS THE BRIDE BEFORE THE WEDDING.
HUUNH... GEE, YEAH!
SHOOCK
WE WOULDN'T WANNA START OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT!
BESH, HENCH.
INDEED, MANN.
MISREAD, I'LL GO TELL UNCLE BOSS THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT HAVING SEVEN DAYS TO LEARN HOW TO TIE A KNOT!
BAAD IS GOOD
FAREWELL, MY MOLL!
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YO, LADY-MON, YOU SURE 'BOUT DIS MARRIAGE PLAN?
MANN HAS A POINT-- THAT BERSERKO CHARACTER IS--
--BIG BOSS'S NEPHEW, HENCH AND MANN... AND IF I CAN'T BEAT BIG BOSS TO BECOME THE NEW CRIMELORD OF EMPIRE CITY, THEN I MAY AS WELL MARRY THE BOSS'S NEPHEW.
ONCE I'M ON THE INSIDE, YOU SEE...
...I CAN EITHER USE MY NEW POSITION TO FINALLY DEFEAT BIG BOSS--OR SIMPLY KICK BACK AND ENJOY IT.
COOL RUNNINGS, LADY-MON, IF YOU NOT BE FORGETTIN' YOUR LACKEY HENCHMEN ONCE YOU BE RUNNIN' COOL IN DE BIG PENTHOUSE.
WELL SAID, MANN.
WHAAAAAT?!!
SMASH
SMA-SHRASH
YOU MEAN DAT TREACHEROUS WITCH MS. DEMEANOR IS GONNA BE MY NIECE-IN-LAW?!
OF ALL DA LOW-DOWN, ROTTEN THINGS I EVER HADDA ENDURE, DIS TAKES DA CAKE!!
GEE, UNCLE BIG BOSS...
...DOES THIS MEAN YOU DON'T APPROVE?
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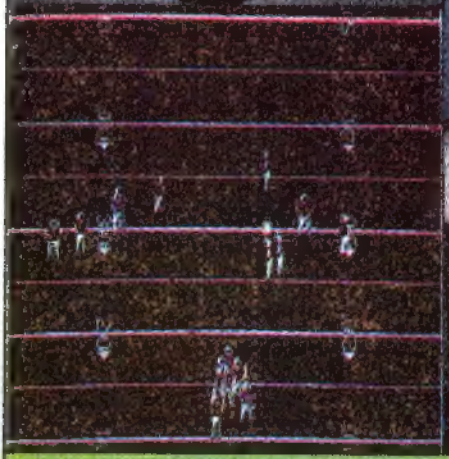

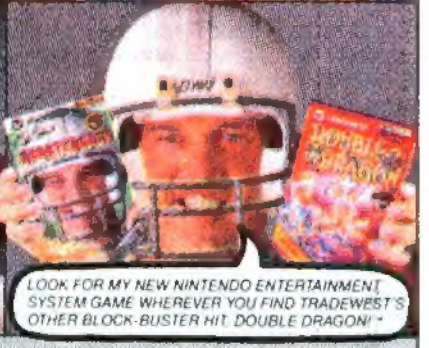

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APPROVE?! OH, I APPROVE, ALL RIGHT -- DA SAME WAY I APPROVE O' MICKIES IN MY HEAD, THORNS IN MY SOLE, MICKIES IN MY TEETH, AND --
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE -- THIS THING MIGHT HAVE POSSIBILITIES!!
YEAH, THAT'S IT -- AN' IT'S PERFECT!
APPROVE, DEAR NEPHEW BERSERKO? OF COURSE I APPROVE.
JUST THINK OF IT!
UH.. OF WHAT?
A WEDDED UNION OF TWO O' MY FAVORITE LACKEYS -- ONE OF 'EM A BLOOD LACKEY? WHY, NOTHIN' COULD DELIGHT MY HEART + COCKLES MORE.
NOW, YOU RUN ALONG AND SECURE YOURSELF A TUX AN' A CANE AN' A RING, AN' A BAD HAND. NOT TO MENTION A TRUCKLOAD O' ROSE. SPARE NO EXPENSE, DEAR NEPHEW, BUT IF YA CAN STEAL DA STUFF, EVEN BETTER.
GEE, THANKS, UNC, I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU.
BUT AS SOON AS THE DOOR CLICKS SHUT:
DIS IS GREAT!
TURBO, GO COLLAR BADGUYS!
SURE, BOSS, BUT JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY, ARE YOU REALLY GONNA LET BERSERKO MARRY THAT--
JUST GO, TURBO!!
I WANT DAT PLEXI-GLASS-DOMED FREAK IN MY OFFICE IN FIVE MINUTES!
RACING FISH
SEA DISH SOUP
Y-YOU G-GOT IT, BOSS!
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COPS HQ:
"SO WHERE'S BOWSSER?"
"SEEMS BLITZ IS IN THE CYBER-LAB FOR A TUNE-UP, SO BOWSSER DECIDED TO KILL SOME TIME ON UNDERCOVER DUTY."
647 PRECINCT
OH, WELL, I SURE HOPE HE FINDS SOMETHING-- EMPIRE CITY'S TOO PEACEFUL THESE DAYS, AND FILLING OUT FORMS REALLY DULLS THE EDGE.
TELL ME ABOUT IT, HARDTOP-- I'M READY TO GO PASS OUT SPEEDING TICKETS.
AND SO, BADVIBES, BERSERKO'S VERY BAD IDEA HAS INSPIRED IN ME A VERY GOOD IDEA
YOU MEAN MARRYING HIM OFF TO GET RID OF THE IDIOT?
NO, YOU SCRAWNY STUPE! DAT WAY I DON'T LOSE A NEPHEW, I GAIN A NEPHEW'S WIFE--
--NONE OTHER THAN DAT SCHEMIN' BATTLE-AXE MS. DEMEANOR WHO'S ALWAYS WORKIN' ANGLES TO TAKE OVER AS CRIMELORD O' EMPIRE CITY!
GET WISE, BADVIBES!
PLANTIN' DIS IDEA O' MARRIAGE IN BERSERKO'S LAME BRAIN IS JUST THE LATEST VARIATION ON HER UNVARYIN' THEME!
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BUT HEH HEH HEH
IT GIVES US DA PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO PUT A STOP TO MS DEMEANOR'S BOTHERSOME TENDENCIES ONCE AN' FOR ALL!
AHAH! WHATCHA GOT IN MIND BIG BOSS?
I WANT YOU, BADVIBES, TO MAKE MS DEMEANOR EVEN DUMBER THAN BERSERKO
THAT DUMB!?
.. SO DUMB DAT SHE'LL NEVER AGAIN QUESTION OR EVEN ENVY MY AUTHORITY - FURTHER- MORE SO DUMB DAT EVEN BERSERKO WON'T WANT NUTTIN TO DO WITH HER
WHY IT IT'S SHEER GENIUS! POSITIVELY ELECTRIFYING!
JUST GO DO IT BADVIBES, WILLYA?
I'M DA AVATAGE O DAT LATE'S BRAIN!
THE NEXT DAY BACK AT THE GLOOM PALACE
IT'S NOT TO BE NICE AND NEAT, UNDERSTAND?
YEAH SURE, BUTTONS
THE GLOOM PALACE
WE WANT TO WATCH ON THE NE
WHAT IF WE DO MAKE A MISTAKE BUTTONS AND YOU NEED A BLOOD TRANSFUSION
WE USE SEAWATER RIGHT?
WRONG! TURBO YOU USE SNAKE VENOM
BAAD IS GOOD
AND THEN I KILL YOU FOR MAKING THE MISTAKE
LAST TIME I SAY IT WE HIT THE SEAM! ROLLING UP CHAIN STREET RIGHT ABOUT NINE
OUT BUTTONS

GLOOM ICE
FINALLY.
OPEN CHANNEL TO COPS HQ
THIS IS BOMSER MAINFRAME--TELL VESS WE NEED A STAKEOUT ON CHAN STREET IN CHINATOWN, STARTING AT 8:30--POSSIBLE TRUCK HIJACKING
ROGER BOMSER--OVER AND OUT
MEANWHILE
MOON HONEY'S
THE COMPLETE MAKEOVER BRIDAL SHOPPE
"ALL RIGHT, I WANT THE COMPLETE WORKS--AND LET'S MAKE IT SNAPPY, WIREHEADS"
FIRST
I'LL TAKE THAT GOWN--AND I DON'T CARE HOW IT FITS
NOW WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?
PERHAPS MADAME WOULD LIKE A NEW HAIRDO FOR THE BIG EVENT?
THEN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HOW DO I WANT IT? IF YOU'RE CUTTING MY HAIR THEN I WANT IT SHORTER AND YOU WIREHEAD - MAKE THOSE NAILS SHARP
AND
MAKES A DAME'S PORES LOOK LIKE CRATERS
OH ALL RIGHT MAYBE I DO NEED A BEAUTY FACIAL--BUT I'LL BET IT'S JUST THE MIRROR YOU WIREHEADS USE

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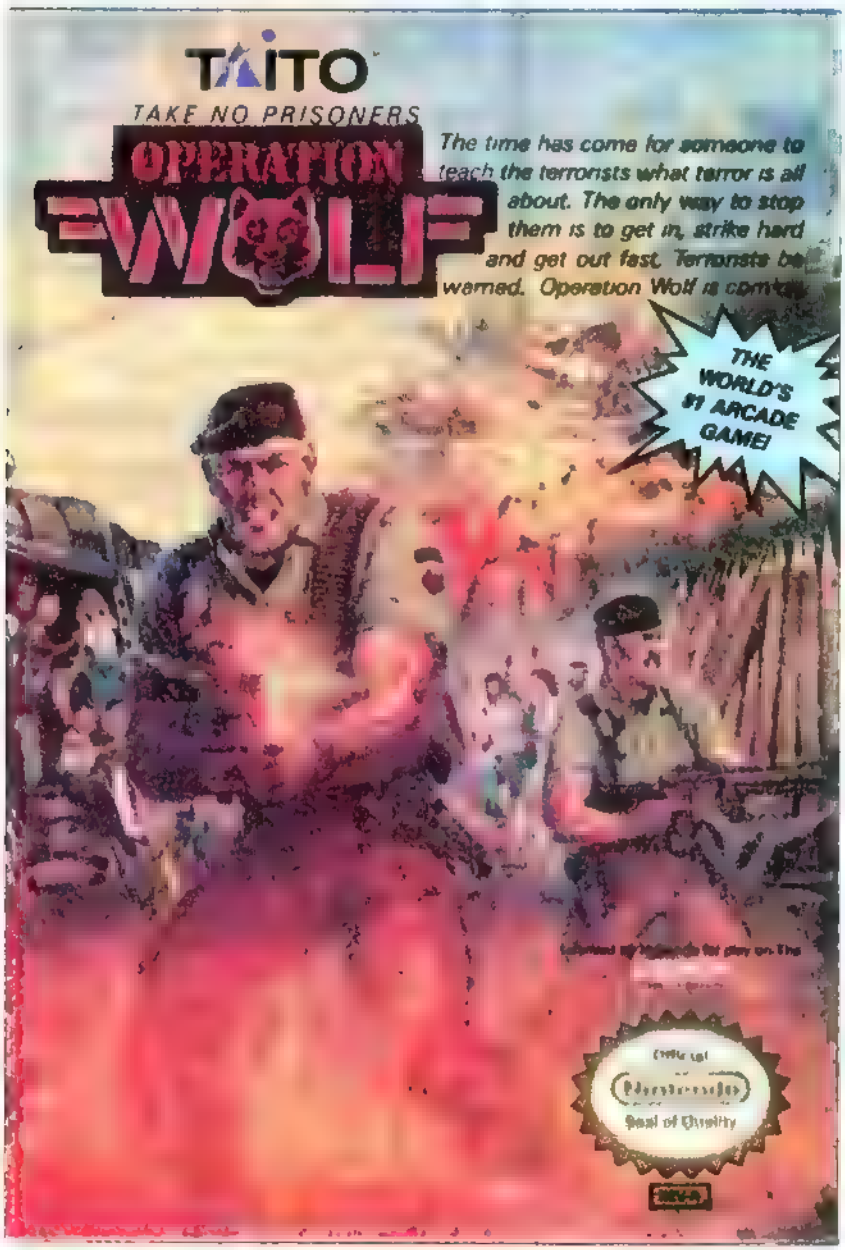
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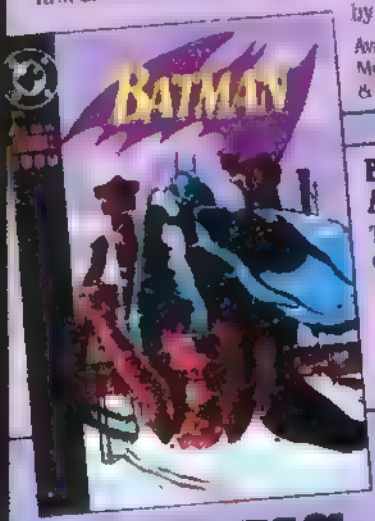

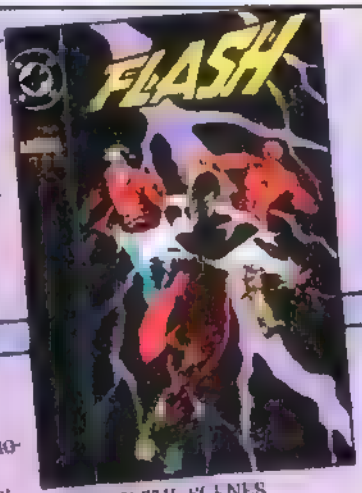

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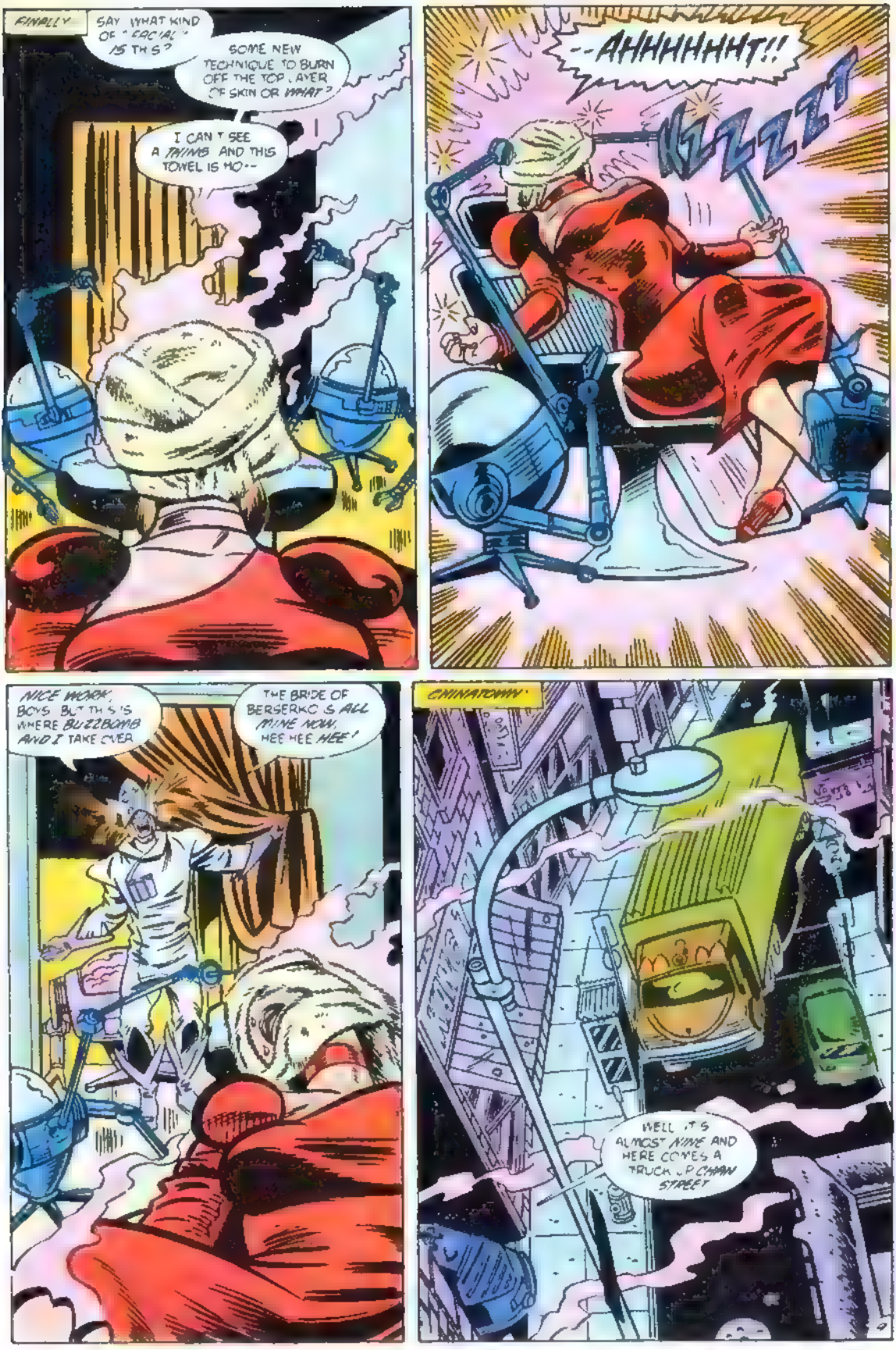
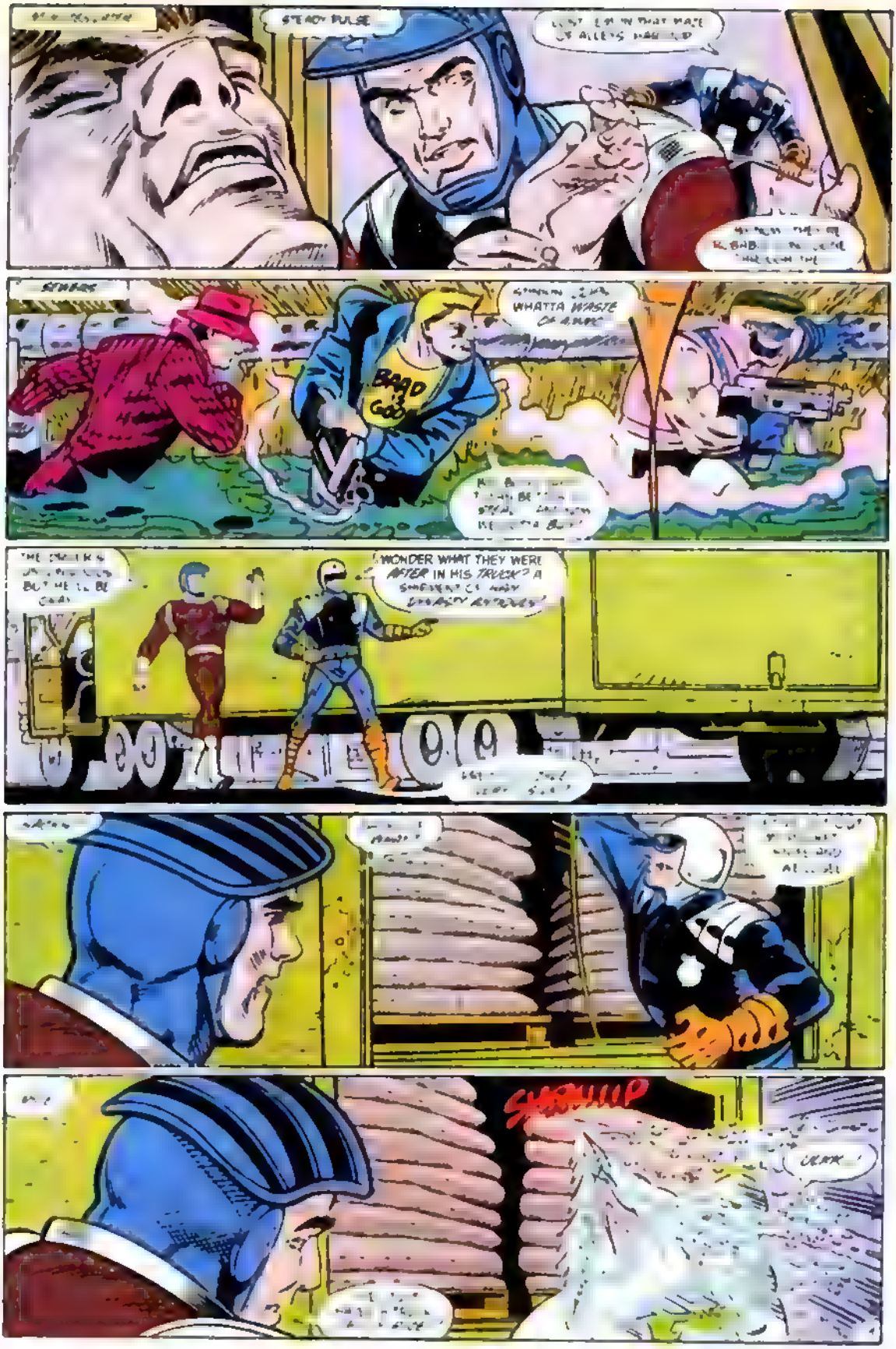

FINALLY...
SAY WHAT KIND OF "FACIAL" IS THIS?
SOME NEW TECHNIQUE TO BURN OFF THE TOP LAYER OF SKIN OR WHAT?
I CAN'T SEE A THING AND THIS TOWEL IS HO--
--AHHHHHHT!!
KZZZT
NICE WORK, BOYS. BUT THIS IS WHERE BUZZBOMB AND I TAKE OVER.
THE BRIDE OF BERSERKO IS ALL MINE NOW, HEE HEE HEE!
CHINATOWN.
WELL, IT'S ALMOST NINE AND HERE COMES A TRUCK UP CHAIN STREET.

--BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SIGN OF WOULD-BE HI-JACKERS
HOW 'BOUT YOU, HIGHWAY?
ALL CLEAR FROM UP HERE, TOO, HARDTOP
MAYBE BOWSER'S TIP WAS--
WAIT A MINUTE, YES!
HERE COMES TURBO TU-TONE'S ROADRUSER! PULL OUT BETWEEN THEM, HARDTOP
SCREEE
YOU GOT IT HIGHWAY!
WHAT THE--? IT'S ONE OF THE COPS VEHICLES--BLOCKING US FROM THE TRUCK! BLAST 'OUTTA THE WAY, BERSERKO!!
BRRRRT
HE'S PLAYIN CHICKEN WITH US--AND YOUR BULLETS ARE JUST BOUNCIN' OFF!
SHEERVE, TU-TONE

YIEEEEEEEE!!
LAUNDRY
CRUNCH
STOP THE ROADSTER, HIGH-WAY-- BEFORE IT CRASHES INTO THAT LAUNDRY!
ROGER HARDTOP
BOMBS AWAY!
LEF HAND LAUND
BWAWHO
YEEEEAAHHH!!
KA-BUMP
LOOK OUT! WE'RE FLIPPIN BACK IN FRONT OF THE COPS YEH!
KRASHH

MY ROADSTER' S TOTALED
NEVER MIND THAT - JUST MOVE BEFORE THAT TRUCK HITS US
THOSE MEN GOT TO WHERE WE'VE BEFORE
SKRASH
UHH--
IT S THAT COP CALLED HIGHWAY
KEEP PLANNING 'TIL THE SHADOWS
SAAD
RIGHT BUTTONS BUT EVERY TIME THE COPPER SAUCERS DOWN LOW - BLAST HIM
BIRRRP
BANG BANG
BANG
H SHWAY TO HARDTOP I M IN PURSUIT BUT DON T COUNT ON A MIRACLE
BANG
BANG
BANG
I CAN T RISK STAYING TOO CLOSE AND IT S AWFUL DARK IN THIS ALLEY
ROGER HIGHWAY - JUST DO YOUR BEST
I M A FOOL THE ONLY ONE WHO BELIEVED IN THAT TRUCK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SPARK
BAAD GAS
WHATTA WASTE OF ALIENS
THE CREATURE'S DEAD, BUT HE'LL BE COOL
I WONDER WHAT THEY WERE AFTER IN HIS TRUCK? A SHIPMENT OF ANTI-DEADLY ATTACKS?
SHRIIIP
CLANK

AT LAST!
AT LAST THE GLORIOUS MOMENT HAS REACHED FRUITION - THE CHANCE TO TRANSPLANT UTTER STUPIDITY INTO AN ACTUAL HUMAN BRAIN!
VEEB! ASK ME, BOSS, THE TWO ALREADY GO TOGETHER - DEEB!-- LIKE A HORSE AND CARRIAGE VEEB!
SCIENTIFIC HISTORY IN THE MAKING! LET THE GLORY BEGIN!
HIT THE JUICE, IGOR!
ZEET THE WHACKER IS BUZZBOMB, BOSS ZEET!
PSSHT!
SPAK!
PACHE
PCK
IT'S MORNING! IT'S MORNING!

ELECTRICITY FLOWS...
VZZZZ
KRZZ
SPARKLE
...AND WAKES HER UP!
SPARKLE
UHRRRRR
WHAT IS THIS?!
POP
YOW!!
VREET! IT'S ALIVE! IT'S ALIIIIVE!! OOEP!
OF COURSE SHE'S ALIVE, BUZZBOMB! THE PROBLEM IS... SHE'S AWAKE!!
SPLAT
AND MAD, YOU STICK-FIGURE WHACKO!
DON'T FORGET MAD... VERY, VERY MAD!!
YIKES! LOOK OUT! SHE'S BERSERK!
KA-KRASH
15

WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO ZAP ME WITH, YOU KNOCK-KNEED NEAR-SIGHTED GERBIL?!
KRAM
KRUUUM
"HEADS UP BUTCHOMB! THE EXPERIMENT BACKFIRED! WE MADE HER AS STRONG AS AN ELECTRIC BATTLEAXE - AND SHE'S DESTROYING THE MAD LAB!"
I'VE GOT BRAINS FOR YOU, FREAK!
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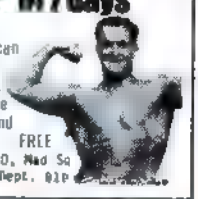

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NOW I'M GONNA SMASH THIS JUNK RIGHT OVER YOUR..
YEEEEEAAAHHH!
SHA-IM
ZA-
FINALLY--!
I THOUGHT THE ELECTRICITY WOULD NEVER GET HER
CUT THE JUICE 'SOR AND CHECK HER OUT!
UHH'HHHHHHH!
ZEET! SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS BUT HER BRAINWAVES ARE EXACTLY THE SAME ZEET!
WH-WH WH-WHAT?!
ZEET! A HUMAN FEMALE SCORNED, BOSS. WELL, SHE HATH A POWERFUL FURY IN HER BRAIN ZEET! EXPERIMENT: TOTAL FAILURE, ZEET!

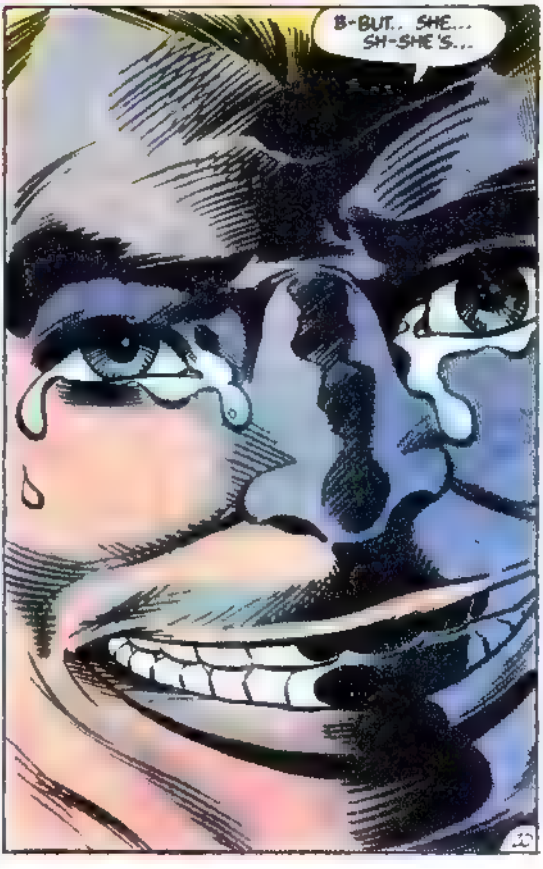
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BUZZBOMB!
ALL THAT--AND IT SHAVED NARY A SINGLE POINT OFF HER BRAIN-POWER LEVEL!? IT DID NOTHING TO HER?!
I REFUSE TO BELIEVE--
WAIT! IT DID DO SOMETHING TO HER!
LOOK AT HER, BUZZBOMB
ON SECOND THOUGHT BUZZBOMB, IF YOU WANT TO KEEP YOUR LUNCH
...DON'T LOOK AT HER!
BIG BOSS'S PENTHOUSE, SITE OF THE BIG EVENT.
BERSERKO, MY NEPHEW, YER WEARIN' A RUT IN DA CARPET
I CAN'T HELP IT, UNCLE [illegible] ONE & THREE HOURS LATE FOR OUR WEDDING!
HEY, IT AIN'T DA END O DA WORLD--EVEN IF YA ARE STOOD UP AT DA DESK SERVIN' AS AN ALTAR
WAY
TO
GO
BERSERKO
8

LISTEN, DEAR NEPHEW, AS A MATTER O FACT, IF I WAS YOU, I'D JUST FORGET DAT TWO-TIMIN'--
ZEET! LADIES AND GENTLE CROOKS, I GIVE YOU-- THE BRIDE OF BERSERKO! ZEET!
YA GAAA!
MS DEMEANOR! BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO--
VREET! RELAX SHE MERELY FAINTED FROM THE EXCITEMENT OF DELIRIOUS ANTICIPATION
ZEET!
GOOD NEWS AND, UH, UNEXPECTED NEWS, BIG BOSS.
IT FAGGERS.
GIMME DA BAD FIRST, BADVIBES
I FAILED TO MAKE ANY DEGREE OF CHANGE IN HER BRAIN
WHAAAT?!
THE GOOD NEWS IS I DID CHANGE HER--ELECTRONICALLY MODIFYING HER PHYSIOGNOMY TO THE EXTENT THAT BERSERKO WILL NO LONGER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH HER.
OH
ZEET! SHE'S WAKING UP, BOSS--AGAIN, ZEET!
WH-WHERE AM I ? WHAT'S ON MY FACE--?
ANOTHER MOI TOWEL, OR
A...A VEIL--?
A MEEDIN' VEIL, MY ONE AN' ONLY TRUE LOVE, FOR DIS IS THE SEVENTH AN' FINAL OF MY NUMBERED DAYS.!

EEW!
KAK!
UNCOOL RUNNINGS, MON
GASP!
YUCH!
AARGH, MANN.
HIS DEMEANOR. YOU, YOU'VE CHANGED.
IF I MAKE...

-- IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR UNCLE AND HIS LUNATIC LACKEY DR BADVIBES
GEE THANKS UNC' I COULDN'T VE ASKED FOR A BETTER HEXXIN' GIFT!
"THANKS"?! YOU'RE THANKIN' ME?

YOU 'RE THANKIN' ME FOR SHOWIN' YA HER TRUE COLORS? THAT SHE NOW LOOKS AS EVIL OUTSIDE AS SHE IS INSIDE?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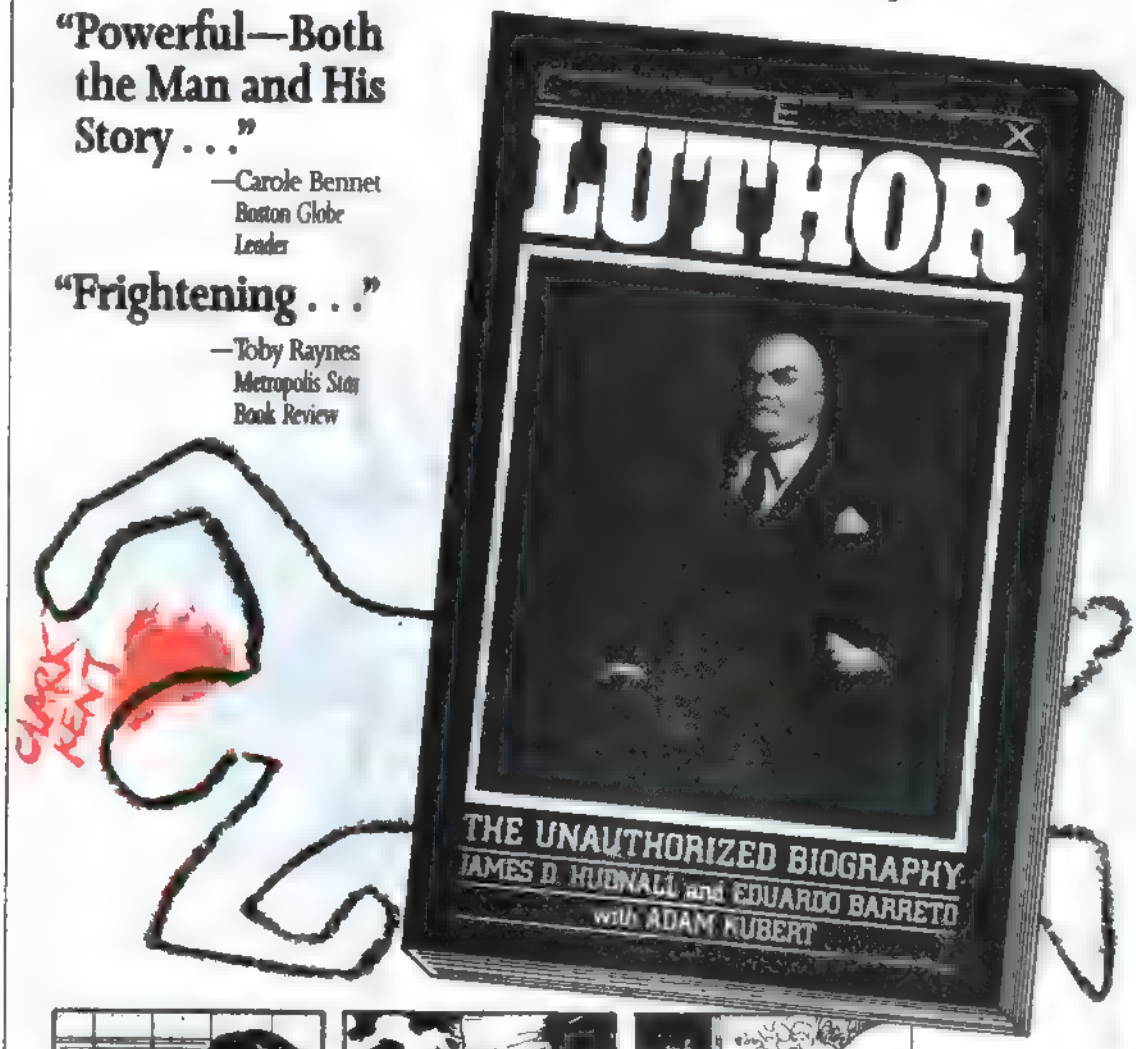

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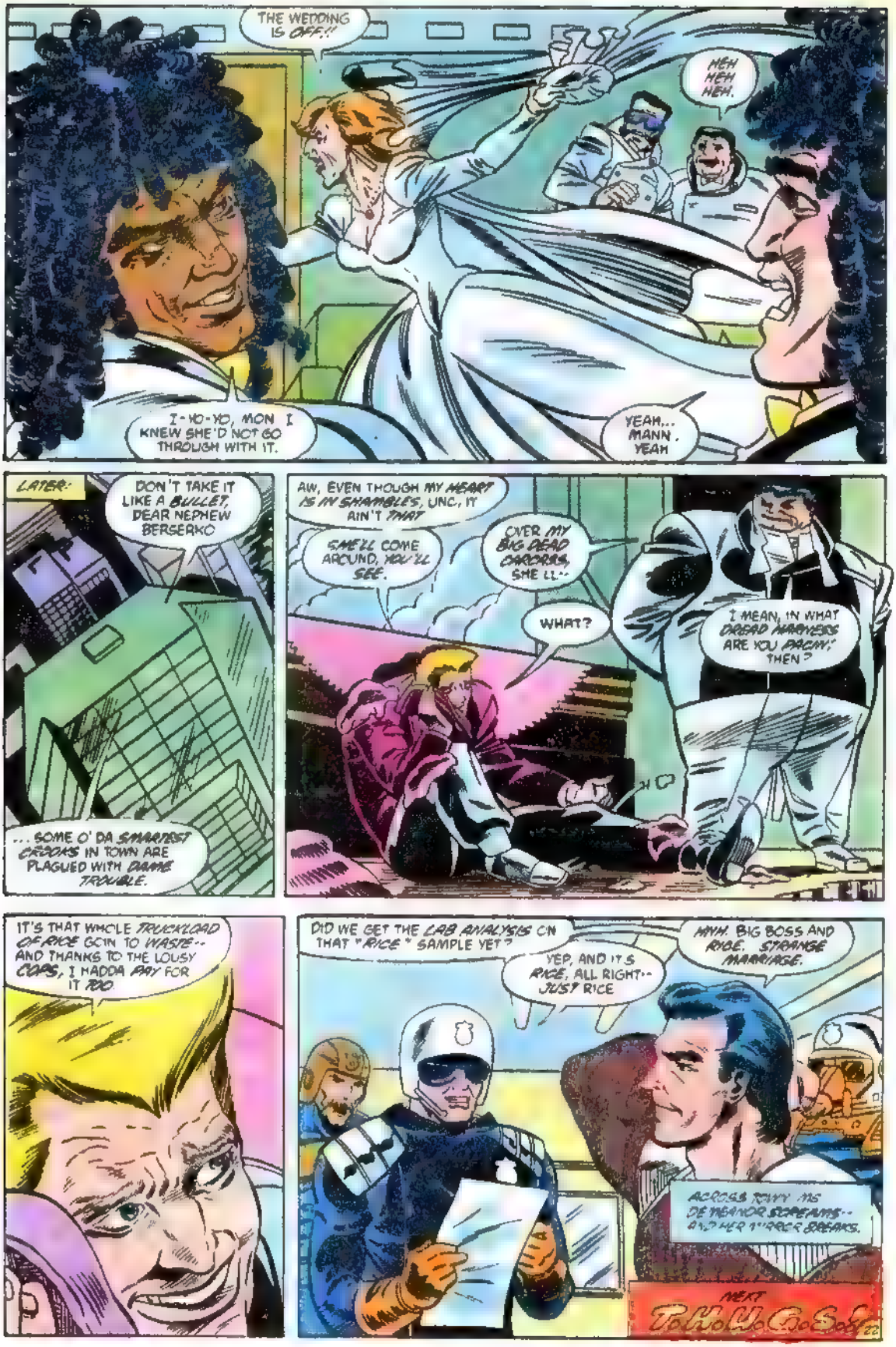
I KNOW IT'S AGAINST TRADITION, MY BELOVED BETROTHED
BUT PLEASE BLESS ME WITH BUT ONE K-KISS.. BEFORE THE CEREMONY..?
RIGHT HERE ON THE LIPS, SWEETHEART.
MMMMMMM..
MWOKK
SPLUTCH


THE WEDDING IS OFF!!
HEH HEH HEH.
I-YO-YO, MON I KNEW SHE'D NOT GO THROUGH WITH IT.
YEAH... MANN. YEAH
LATER:
DON'T TAKE IT LIKE A BULLET, DEAR NEPHEW BERSERKO
... SOME O' DA SMARTEST CROOKS IN TOWN ARE PLAGUED WITH DAME TROUBLE.
AW, EVEN THOUGH MY HEART IS IN SHAMBLES, UNC, IT AIN'T THAT
SHE'LL COME AROUND, YOU'LL SEE.
OVER MY BIG DEAD CROOKS, SHE LL--
WHAT?
I MEAN, IN WHAT DREAD MADNESS ARE YOU BASIN, THEN?
IT'S THAT WHOLE TRUCKLOAD OF RICE GOIN TO WASTE-- AND THANKS TO THE LOUSY COPS, I HADDA PAY FOR IT TOO
DID WE GET THE LAB ANALYSIS ON THAT "RICE" SAMPLE YET?
YEP, AND IT'S RICE, ALL RIGHT-- JUST RICE
MMM. BIG BOSS AND RICE. STRANGE MARRIAGE.
ACROSS TOWN, MS DEMEANOR SCREAMS-- AND HER FURY BREAKS.
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Dear Andy and Kev:

Due to limitations in space, I realize that this letter will not see print. Hey, it's okay. But I feel that I have something *legitimate* to say (pardon the rhyme).

I have been writing to you semi-regularly since the series came out, so I am pretty sure that you are familiar with my opinions thus far. So let me tell you something you probably didn't know.

I originally picked up COPS on a whim (a whimsy?). The neat Pat Broderick cover featuring futuristic hardware and costumes struck me *just* right. I don't know why I like it. I don't know why I liked the Cougar I picked up a few years back, either. I just *did!*

Anyway, it wasn't until around issue #4 that I found out this series was based on a set of toys from Hasbro. Imagine my chagrin, initially. Here I am, 32 years old, and I'm spending my hard-earned money so that said toy company can prosper via DC's good name.

How many times has this been done before (series taken from toy stores that ultimately led to animated features on the boob tube)? Let's see, we've had ATARI FORCE, TRANSFORMERS, MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE, G.I. JOE—the list is becoming endless. So now we are faced with the adage: "Money begets money." If it is really *that* good, then we'll use it until the people have had it up to here.

But let me tell you something else. I seldom (to hardly ever) watch the boob tube. I do not have any children, so I don't frequent the many toy stores.

And here is the *real* clincher: if I hadn't accidently come across a certain heading in the television directory, I would never have known that COPS was an animated feature. Isn't it nice how it is televised in the early afternoon, right after the [kids] get home from school?

Therefore, my *only* source of knowledge about this series is what I read here each and every month.

And where does that ultimately lead? Well, hey, I'm a regular in the letter column aren't I? I have spent eight bucks on eight straight issues, haven't I? Geez, you must be doing *something* right.

Then again...

Certain names and certain situations have bothered me. Bartons McBoom-Boom?... T.R.A.M.P.L.U.R.?... The 94[illegible]th Precinct (just how big is Empire City, anyway?).

And poor Doug Moench... once he was the ultimate chronicler of the Batman series of books. Now, he makes his living bringing the "Adventures of Hasbro" to life. A step down? Is there no justice? Is this the way to a comic book author's final resting place?

I think not!

As the song iterated in the (fantastic!) movie, "The Breakfast Club," "Don't forget about me." I, Roger D. Case, scourge of the letters page, virus behind the electric typewriter, actually read COPS. I actually spend time going over the pages that make up the story each and every issue. I actually get something for my eight bits.

Yes, super-heroes still may reign supreme in the world of comic books. Spider-Man may get a bigger audience. SUPERMAN may get more accolades. But I honestly like this comic book. And just what are opinions worth, anyway?

With Michelob Light in hand I request a toast: may COPS prosper in a medium where so many others have failed.

After all, it's *only* a comic book, right? And I'm only King for a Day.

Well, see ya in 30, no matter what anyone else might say.

Roger D. Case
1199 Waterfront Drive #202
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Did the Cougar scratch you when you picked it up? (Rim shot.) By the by, Doug is having a great time doing COPS, he tells us, and is pleased to know his humor is reaching the older audience. COPS is one of those "books for all ages" you've heard about.

You didn't find out until issue #4 that COPS was based on a set of toys from Hasbro? Don't you read the indicia every month? As for the names, try to say "The name's McBoom-Boom... Buttons McBoom-Boom." without smiling. If you think T.R.A.M.P.L.U.R. was weird, wait till next issue! Empire City ain't big enough for the both of us, pardner. We join you in your toast, but make ours chocolate milk.

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I haven't looked at comic books since I was about eight (10 years ago) and when I was buying books for my classes, I happ'd upon a comics rack. To make a long story short, I bought your COPS comic book. I LOVED it! It actually had a *plot* and the characters were great—much more real than on the TV show! As is usual for me, however, I picked up a book in the middle of a series: the Rogue Cop series. So, now I have a question for you: How do I rectify the situation of having only issue #8? Do you people keep back orders? If so, how can I get them?

Jon DeLong
RM 2225 Balch Hall
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No, DC does not keep back stock, but there are comic book shops that do. Let your fingers do the walking for the information.

. . . . .

Dear Mr. Writer,

I liked "The Terror of T.R.A.M.P.L.U.R." so much that I think you should make a figure of Rogue Cop and put him on the TV show. Also, I think you should make one of the elephant.

My friends and I really like your comic.

John McFadden
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. . . . .

Dear COPS,

I have a few questions to ask you, okay?

1. If they do come out with a T.R.A.M.P.L.U.R. posable toy, will it be able to turn into a van like in #7?

2. Will we (the readers) see T.R.A.M.P.L.U.R. in future issues, like if Rogue escapes?

3. Big Boss in the comic book looks thinner than in the TV show. Has he lost weight? (That's almost impossible.)

4. In the TV show, Rock Krusher is in love with Ms. Demeanor. Is that the same in the comic book, and if so, could we see it in a future comic?

5. In the comics is Berserko the nephew of Big Boss, and if he is, why doesn't he call him "Uncle Big Boss"?

Yann Folzange
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P.S. Nice art work!

1) Anything is posable. 2) No Rogue/T.R.A.M.P.L.U.R. return plans, he might've learned his lesson; remember, he was one of the good guys. 3) TV makes everyone look heavier. 4) If Rock Krusher is in love with Ms. Demeanor, he's keeping it quiet because of Berserko's fancy. 5) Because Big Boss demands respect (although Berserko slips sometimes).

. . . . .

Gentlemen:

I recently read COPS issues #5-8. I am very impressed with those issues. I believe this new comic will be popular in the years to come. I missed the first four issues of COPS, but that mistake should soon be taken care of. I hope to see Powderkeg and Nightstick (I saw them in the cartoon) in a future issue of COPS real soon.

Arthur Dunning
Livingston, AL

* * * * *

Dear Andy,

WHAT A BOOK! COPS is one of the best C.B.*.s I've ever read. I'd like to know a few things, though. Like, isn't Mirage in the comic Nightshade in the show? And how tall is Rock Krusher? The action figures make him out to be tall, but the comics and the show make him out to be short. On your letters page for issue #8 you told a reader that the COPS had nothing on Big Boss, but what about issue #8? They have to have something on him now, he was there.

Kenneth Quist
Green River, UT

* Comic books.

No, Mirage in the comic is not Nightshade in the show. They're each other. Rock Krusher is big for his age; it's all according to who's around him. Just because Big Boss was there, doesn't mean the COPS can pin something on him.

* * * * *

Dear COPS,

Issues #7-8, the T.R.A.M.P.L.U.R. case was terrific, especially the cover of issue #8! Can't wait to read issue #9 next month. Rock Krusher holding a factory hostage?! Bulletproof Vess and the COPS unit have their work cut out for them.

Back to issue #8. Rogue came very nearly close to reducing the COPS Precinct to rubble. He was persistent, though, until Mainframe punched his lights out and put him under the table! Mainframe was terrific! After all other COPS failed, including Vess. But the bad Paxton Dern will be back in future issues of COPS, worse than ever, perhaps. Big Boss had better keep his security up, ya can never tell!

COPS, the hottest new series, is now going to be as popular as the Joes when they returned to the shelves in the stores.

How come Nightshade, Ms. Demeanor, Squeaky Kleen, and Mainframe weren't included in this year's "COPS 'N' CROOKS" group? Are they being reserved for ordering, or in preparation for release next year?

Keep up the good work. COPS keeps getting better each issue. More police drama, more action, more realism! The romantic relationship between Sgt. Mace and Nightshade. Both Big Boss and B.P. Vess need a lady in their lives, too! Check into this when possible.

D. Wiggins
Charlotte, NC

Hope you don't mind that we combined two of your letters, D. (Mr. Wiggins is one of our most avid correspondents.)

It's obvious that Mainframe can be just as good as any of the other COPS, and Ms. Demeanor can be just as bad as any member of Big Boss's gang. We (and Hasbro) have been wondering whether there is a market for figures of the female members of the cast. Obviously we have one sale, above, but how do the rest of you readers feel? Would you unabashedly buy a Mainframe or Ms. Demeanor?

* * * * *

Dear COPS—

What?!? Are you actually suggesting that we not see Dern and the T.R.A.M.-P.L.U.R. again? Don't even think of retiring them; don't even let the T.R.A.M.-P.L.U.R.'s motor get cold. I'd like to see Dern back soon, maybe out for a little vengeance on the COP that kept him off Empire City's crime-fighting team....

#8 was great, guys! Keep up the good work!

Sterling O'Malley
Poughkeepsie, NY

All right! All right! Paxton Dern and the T.R.A.M.P.L.U.R. will be back ... in issue #50. We have a lot more stories to tell, Sterling—just as good as the Rogue Cop saga—to keep you happy. We promise.

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*NEXT ISSUE: You want action? You want excitement? You want to see the COPS in all their fightin' glory? You want acronyms (maybe one day we'll reveal what C.R.O.O.K.S. means)? Wait until you see Badvibes's most frustrating invention: T.H.U.G.S.! Brought to you by Doug Moench and guest artist Pat Broderick (yeah, he used to be the regular artist, but you can still see him in CAPTAIN ATOM and an upcoming BATMAN project, and he likes to be called "guest artist," because then he can use the fancier guest towels). This NEXT ISSUE blurb is getting too long, so we'll close by saying: They're fighting crime in a future parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme. They're * styrofoam coffee holders! (No, that's cups.) They're COPS!*

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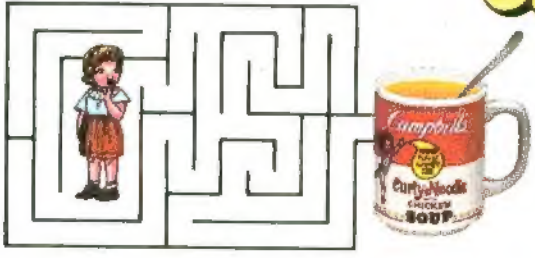

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1. CARROT, CORN
PEA, BEAN

2. The kid in the raincoat — he's not dressed for sports

4. It's a chicken

5. "Campbell's" is not reversed

6. Meatballs

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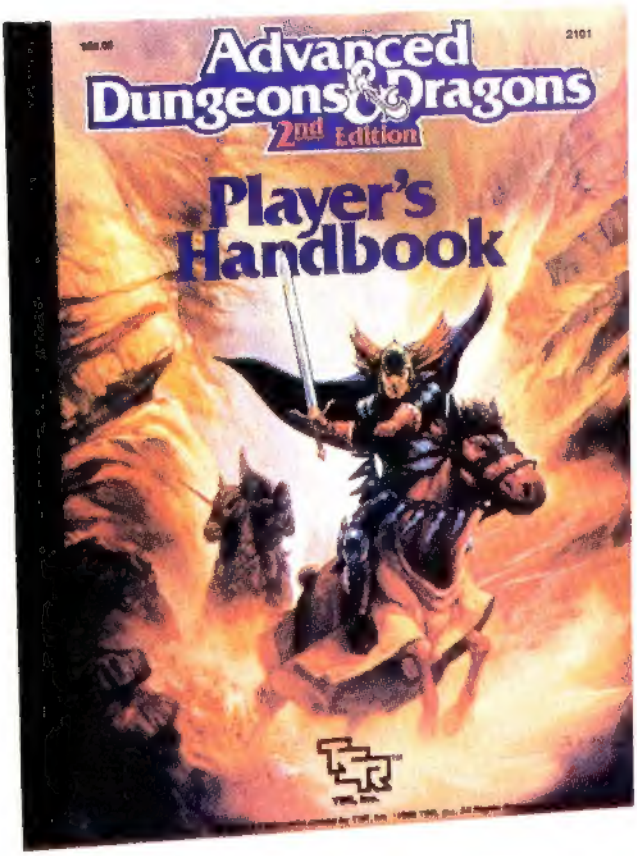

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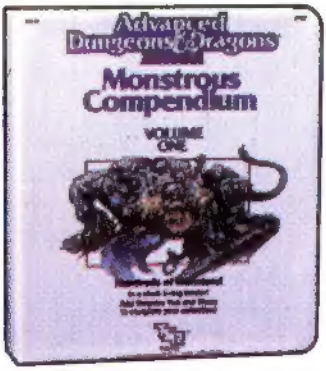

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